# STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

#### **FACT SHEET**

APPLICATION FOR GENERAL MATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. GAG6100000 TO DISCHARGE STORM WATER FROM PHASE II MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

## September 19, 2007

The re-issuance of NPDES Permit No. GAG6100000 will authorize storm water discharges to the waters of the State of Georgia from designated Phase II small MS4s owned or operated by local governments to the waters of the State (see Attachment A).

The permit incorporates by reference an individual Notice of Intent (NOI) and Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) to be implemented by the permittee over the term of the permit. The SWMP describes the best management practices to be employed by the permittee to eliminate or minimize, to the maximum extent possible, the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the State from storm water discharges. Permittees are required to submit Annual Reports to EPD providing their status in implementing the SWMP.

Numeric effluent limitation have been included in the proposed permits. EPD has determined that it is infeasible to derive numeric effluent limitations for intermittent storm water discharges because of the lack of information available concerning rate, volume, variability and duration of storm water discharges and receiving water flow, the quantity and types of pollutants, and the effectiveness of many conventional control measures. EPD has determined, based upon best professional judgment and guidance from EPA, that compliance with permit conditions can be well evaluated through the Annual Report summarizing implementation of the best management practices proposed in the SWMPs. In addition, implementation of best management practices should ne sufficient to implement any wasteload allocation in a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

The proposed permit will be valid for a term of five (5) years in accordance with Federal regulations which limit NPDES permits to a maximum term of five (5) years.

Public notice of the proposed NPDES permit will be distributed by news paper and mailing to all those persons who have requested notice of NPDES permits in order to satisfy requirements of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act. The draft permit and supporting documents are available for review at 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. This information is also available at 140 Stonewall Avenue, Suites 101 and 203, Fayetteville, GA 30214.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed NPDES permit are invited to submit same in writing to Mr. Andrew C. Zurow, Unit Coordinator, Stormwater Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at the address below, no later than October 22, 2007. Comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding this permit.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division NonPoint Source Program 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101 Atlanta, Georgia 30354

Any person who is aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance or denial of a permit by the Director of EPD may petition the Director for a hearing if such petition is filed in the office of the Director within thirty (30) days from the date of notice of such permit issuance. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with EPD Rules, Water Quality Control, subparagraph, 391-3-6-.01.

Petitions for a contested hearing must include the following:

- 1. The name and address of the petitioner;
- 2. The grounds under which the petitioner alleges to be aggrieved or adversely affected by the issuance of a permit;
- 3. The reason or reasons why petitioner takes issue with the action of the Director;
- 4. All other matters asserted by petitioner which are relevant to the action in question.

#### Attachment A

# List of Cities and Counties Receiving Phase II NPDES Permit Coverage Under General Permit No. GAG6100000

(Permit issued in December 2002)

#### **Identified Cities:**

Albany (Dougherty Co.) Allenhurst (Liberty Co.) Auburn (Barrow Co.) Bogart (Oconee Co.) Brunswick (Glynn Co.) Byron (Peach County) Canton (Cherokee Co.) Centerville (Houston Co.) Chickamauga (Walker Co.) Convers (Rockdale Co.) Cordele (Crisp Co.) Covington (Newton Co.) Cumming (Forsyth Co.) Dallas (Paulding Co.) Dalton (Whitfield Co.) Douglasville (Douglas Co.) Emerson (Bartow Co.) Fayetteville (Fayette Co.) Flemington (Liberty Co.)

Flowery Branch (Hall Co.) Fort Oglethorpe (Catoosa Co.) Gainesville (Hall Co.) Griffin (Spalding Co.) Grovetown (Columbia Co.) Hampton (Henry Co.) Hephzibah (Richmond Co.) Hinesville (Liberty Co.) Hiram (Paulding Co.) Holly Springs (Cherokee Co.) Leesburg (Lee Co.) Loganville (Walton Co.) Lookout Mountain (Walker Co.) McDonough (Henry Co.) Mountain Park (Fulton Co.) Newnan (Coweta Co.) Oakwood (Hall Co.) Oxford (Newton Co.) Payne City (Bibb Co.)

Peachtree City (Fayette Co.) Porterdale (Newton Co.) Remerton (Lowndes County) Ringgold (Catoosa Co.) Rome (Floyd Co.) Rossville (Walker Co.) Sandy Springs (Fulton Co.) Stockbridge (Henry Co.) Tunnel Hill (Whitfield Co.) Tyrone (Fayette Co.) Valdosta (Lowndes Co.) Varnell (Whitfield Co.) Vernonburg (Chatham Co.) Walthourville (Liberty Co.) Warner Robins (Houston Co.) Watkinsville (Oconee Co.) Winterville (Clarke Co.) Woodstock (Cherokee Co.)

## Identified Counties:

Barrow County
Bartow County
Catoosa County
Cherokee County
Clarke County (Athens-Clarke Co.)
Columbia County
Coweta County
Dougherty County
Douglas County
Fayette County
Floyd County
Glynn County
Hall County
Henry County
Houston County

Lee County
Liberty County
Long County
Lowndes County
Newton County
Oconee County
Paulding County
Peach County
Rockdale County
Spalding County
Walker County
Walton County
Whitfield County

Jones County